GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Development of Airstrips/Helipads
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to develop airstrips, helipads in hilly/remote areas of Uttarakhand so as to make air travel option
available to tourists/commuters, for meeting emergency transportation needs of critical patients and for swift action during natural disasters;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

a) to c) Airports Authority of India is not planning or constructing or developing Airstrips/ Helipads in hilly/ remote areas of Uttarakhand. However, State Government of Uttarakhand has informed that they have decided to provide 3 additional airstrips (Nani-Saini in Pithoragarh,
Chinyalisaur in Uttarkashi, Gauchar in Chamoli) and 48 helipads acros the State, which is attached as Annexure. These helipads and airstrips may be used for emergency evacuation and for promoting the tourism in the State.